



## **Gardening Society Events at Abbots Langley Festival 2018**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - 'All about Honey Bees'** – an Exhibition from 10am -12noon at the Henderson HUB

Find out about the Gardening Society's honey bees. Drop in to see a demonstration of how a beehive works and the life of local honey bees. Suitable for all ages.

**Free event**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June - 'Gardening Masterclass – How to propagate plants'** from 9:30 to 10:30am at the Gardening Society Depot, next to the Community Centre

An opportunity to find out how to take cuttings of your garden plants. Drop by to learn from keen members of the Gardening Society. All materials provided but bring a piece of your favourite plant if you wish. All ages welcome.

**Free event**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July - 'Show gardens and real gardens'** – a talk by Tom Stuart-Smith at the Manor House, at 8pm

Tom has a landscape design practice with an international reputation for making gardens that combine naturalism and modernity. The practice was established in 1998 and his works since has ranged from large gardens and parks open to the public, to smaller private gardens. Tom has also designed a number of gardens for the Chelsea Flower Show; 8 of these have been awarded gold medals, and 3 have won 'Best in Show'. Most projects are located in the UK and Europe, with a few undertaken further afield.

Tom is currently designing the new and ambitious £30 million project RHS Garden at Bridgewater where he aims to restore the historic lost gardens at Worsley New Hall, built for the 1st Earl of Ellesmere in the 1840s, to their former glory. The magnificent 156-acre plot included a formal terraced garden with fountains, woodland, sweeping parkland and a huge 11-acre kitchen garden, but it fell into disrepair after the First World War.

For his presentation he will talk about making ephemeral gardens at flower shows, and how this relates to his work making gardens that last a bit longer. He'll also talk about his work at the 2018 Chelsea Flower Show, as shown on TV.

### **Tickets:**

£10 for paid-up members, and £12 for non-members;

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